Rising Fourth Grade Summer Learning Mrs. Borsos

Summer is a wonderful time for children to embrace the joys of the season and catch their breath after a busy school year. It is important that they get outside to explore, enjoy time with family and friends, discover new things, laugh and play. It is also important for them to take advantage of quiet moments to keep their skills sharp so they are prepared for a successful return to school. Parents are encouraged to read with their children, help them memorize their multiplication facts, and monitor their progress on IXL.

Research shows that students who continue with a structured learning schedule over the summer are less likely to experience a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school is not in session. Rising fourth graders are encouraged to read 20 minutes a day. This summer, fourth grade students must read *Misty of Chincoteague*. Each student was provided a book during our "Step Up" day. Students will take an Accelerated Reader test on the novel when they return to school. Please have your child return the novel when they return to school.

Students **must** have the **multiplication facts memorized**. It is important that the students master this third grade objective so they can be successful with the fourth grade standards. In addition, students should plan to spend 15 - 30 minutes a week on IXL. Student IXL passwords are the same year to year, so they will continue to have access during the summer months. I will be able to monitor their progress through the summer.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer! I look forward to an awesome new school year. I'll see you in August!